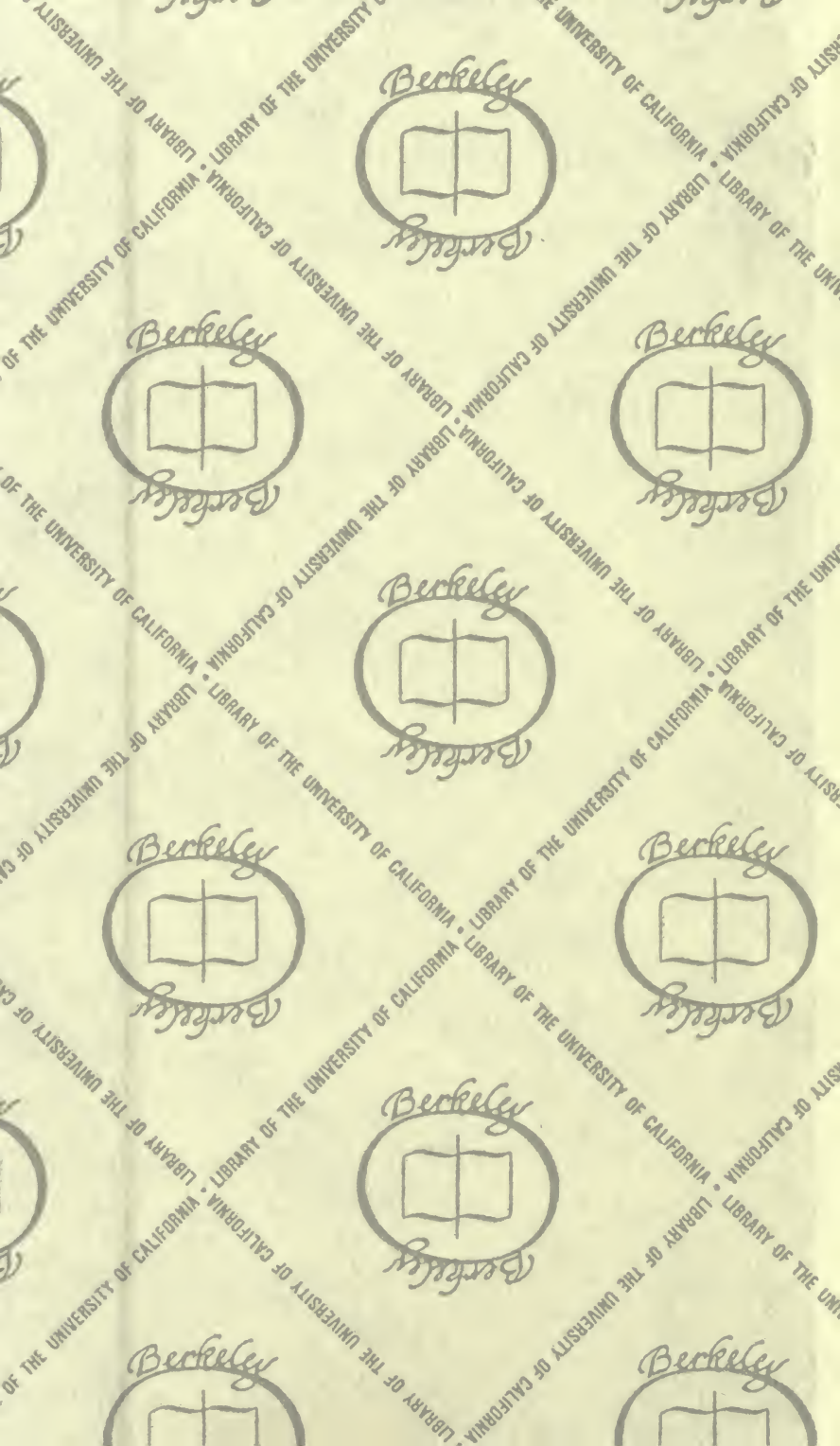
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REMONSTRANCE

OF THE

Merchants, Ship-Owners,

AND

CONSIGNEES OF VESSELS

ENGAGED IN TRADE WITH THE PORT OF SAN FRANCISCO,

Remonstrating against the Repeal or Amendment

OF THE

U. S. SHIPPING ACT OF JUNE 7TH, 1872,

AND

ENDORSING THE CERTIFICATE OF THE SHIP-MASTERS (ATTACHED HERETO), APPROVING THE SHIPPING ACT AND ITS BENEFICIAL EFFECTS UPON COMMERCE AND THE SAILOR.

SAN FRANCISCO:
A. M. SLOCUM, PRINTER, 605 MONTGOMERY STREET.
1876.

To the Honorable:

The Senate and House of Representatives of the United States, in Congress Assembled.

The undersigned Ship-Owners, Merchants and Consignees of ships and vessels engaged in trade with all the commercial nations of Europe, South America, Mexico and the ports and islands in the Pacific and Indian oceans, have heard with regret that there will be an attempt made during the present session of Congress, to repeal the Act approved June 7th, 1872, known as an Act to authorize the appointment of Shipping Commissioner by the several circuit courts of the United States, to superintend the shipping and discharge of seamen engaged in merchant ships, belonging to the United States, and for the further protection of seamen.

The Act has been in operation in this Port for more than one year, and we believe it has been of great service in the protection of sailors from "shanghaeing," and other outrageous abuse and fraud, almost daily practiced upon them under the old system of shipping and discharging sailors.

And if it is administered elsewhere as it is in the Port of San Francisco, we regard it as a great convenience and protection to the entire mercantile community; for while its provisions *provide*

ample protection to the seamen against fraud and abuse, it fully authorizes the ship master to enforce and carry out the wholesome discipline and proper regulations for the government of his crew, proscribed by Law, and we should regard its repeal as a serious injury to the sailor and the mercantile community in general, and we further fully indorse the certificate of the master of American ships sailing out of this Port in favor of the Law, (a copy of which is hereunto annexed,) thus fully expressing our approval of the Law, and the manner with which its several provisions are carried out by the Shipping Commissioner of the Port of San Francisco; and therefore most respectfully remonstrate against its repeal, or of any amendment being made thereto, that will in any way impair the authority of the Shipping Commissioner, in carrying out the provisions of Law as it now stands.

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 18, 1874.

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